

Senior Engineers Tasking

- Revisit the Army and AMC position on MIL-STD 2549 by the next AIB meeting

Army Policy Statements on MIL-STD 2549

- In Feb 96, when Army forwarded its comments on 2549 to OSD, it expressed its support for the standard.
- Included as a requirement in ACMS Performance Specification
- Implicitly included in AMC CG Policy Letter on CITIS
- Ms Price's Senior Engineers Meeting in March 99 endorsed the need for MIL-STD 2549
- Dr. Dubin, SARD-DS, stated that the Army fully endorses the need for MIL-STD 2549 and Rev A.
- Included in the JTA and JTA-A under Product Data Interchange
 - The mandatory standards for the Product Data Interchange BSA are:
 - FIPS PUB 177-1, IGES, adopts CALS IGES and ANSI/US PRO-100-1993, V5.2, 23 April 1996.
 - MIL-PRF-28000A w/AMD 1, Digital Representation for Communications of Product Data: IGES Application Subsets and IGES Application Protocols, 14 December 1992.
 - ISO/IEC 10303-1:1994 Standards for the Exchange of Product Model Data (STEP), Part 1: Overview and Principles.
 - MIL-STD-2549, Configuration Management Data Interface, 30 June 1997.
 - MIL-STD-1840C, Automated Interchange of Technical Information, 26 June 1997.

CECOM's Position

Today's technology and the Acquisition Reform initiatives have diminished the importance of MIL-STD-2549. There are now many COTS and industry standards based approaches to accomplishing data access, exchange and delivery in a cost-effective manner that would not impose an undue burden on contractors to change the way they do business just for DoD. MIL-STD-2549 compliant COTS data management tools have yet to emerge since the market for them is simply too small. This leaves the cost burden of developing such tools to the DoD and our contractor's, who will pass the cost along to us. CECOM recommends that MIL-STD-2549 be made an optional, not a mandatory way of doing business and that any further improvements to it be carried out under the STEP umbrella, with a view towards it disappearing as a stand-alone military standard and emerging as an industry-supported ISO 10303 application protocol.

Proposed Action

- Take vote now and record in the meeting minutes and request a written vote be submitted by e-mail by MSCs not present. Negative votes could be supported by narrative.